

Craniosynostosis

Craniosynostosis (krā-nē-ō-si-nā-'stō-səs) is a birth anomaly of the skull. When the skull is forming as a child develops in the womb, it is made up of many pieces that all join together like a puzzle. The areas where they join are called sutures, and the materials where they join is flexible. This allows the skull to grow rapidly around the fast-growing brain. If a baby has craniosynostosis, it means that one or more of these sutures closes too soon and becomes solid bone. This changes the shape of the skull and its ability to grow evenly. Normally, the sutures do not all close until late in the teen years. In craniosynostosis, there can be abnormal features of the face, ears, and hairline, and developmental disabilities. Craniosynostosis sometimes occurs together with other birth anomalies of bones, especially those of the arms and legs. For more information about craniosynostosis, see tinyurl.com/ya4eowbo.

Resources for families

Northwest support resources

- FACT Oregon
factoregon.org
- Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center
tinyurl.com/ycwhffwc
- Washington Parent to Parent
tinyurl.com/yaucv2mk

National/international/online resources

- Cranio carebears
craniocarebears.org
- Cranio kids support
tinyurl.com/yb9nwfqj
- CAPPs kids
www.cappskids.org
- Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA)
ccakids.org

Information for you and your care team.

- CCA: Craniosynostosis booklet
[/tinyurl.com/yax9a5t8](https://tinyurl.com/yax9a5t8)
- Center for Disease Control - Craniosynostosis fact sheet
tinyurl.com/y7nrlobm

Family stories

- Cranio Care Bears - success stories
tinyurl.com/yayemmt5
- CAPPs Kids - family stories
tinyurl.com/y826mrqc
- Akron Children's Hospital - Evie's story
tinyurl.com/ybm455cc

Clinical trial information

- Children and Clinical Studies
tinyurl.com/y75s4twm
- Find an approved clinical trial
tinyurl.com/zp3jesq

Insurance information and help

- Getting insurance for children (OR)
tinyurl.com/ydfaaey
- Getting insurance for children (WA)
tinyurl.com/yca9lkey
- Understand your health insurance
tinyurl.com/y46h8nvx
- Learn about coverage
tinyurl.com/y4639rz6
- Road map to health
tinyurl.com/yysc6kv7
- General/Oregon Health Plan Questions:
855-323-6744

Other resources

- Camp Korey
www.campkorey.org
- CCA - family retreats
tinyurl.com/y9n2exad
- CCA - resource page
tinyurl.com/ya38ptk8

Books for parents and children

- Bibliography available by calling the Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center at 855-323-6744
- Swindells' online library search
tinyurl.com/y9t2jwcx